प्रभाव को कुक्कुट प्रबंधन में अधिक वैज्ञानिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाने से निष्प्रभावी किया जा सकता है।

(ग) इस विभाग ने कुक्कुट पालन को लाभकारी उद्यम बनाने के उद्देश्य से विशेषकर छोटे और सीमांत किसानों के लिए, पहले ही निम्नलिखित कदम उठाए हैं जिन्हें नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान और सुदृढ़ किया जा रहा है.—

1. चार केन्द्रीय कुक्कुट प्रजनन फार्मों के माध्यम से अण्डा और मीट किस्म के बेहतर चूजों तथा बलरूब चूजों को उपलब्ध कराना ताकि उन्हें विविधता प्रदान की जा सके और राज्य कुक्कुट फार्मों के माध्यम से उनका वितरण किया जा सके।

2. केन्द्रीय कुक्कुट प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, उत्पादन को विभिन्न विधाओं में प्रशिक्षकों के लिए प्रशिक्षण उपलब्ध करा रहा है ताकि सार्वजनिक तथा निजी क्षेत्रों द्वारा चलाए जा रहे विभिन्न कुक्कुट उत्पाद कार्यक्रमों के क्रियान्वयन के लिए निम्नतम स्तर के कार्यकर्ता उपलब्ध कराए जा सकें।

3. चार यादृच्छिक नमूना कुक्कुट निष्पादन परीक्षण केन्द्रों तथा तीन क्षेत्रीय आहार विश्लेषण प्रयोगशालाओं और केन्द्रीय कुक्कुट प्रशिक्षण संस्थान के पोषक विंग के माध्यम से विभिन्न प्रजनन स्टॉकों के निष्पादन और आहार तथा आहर तत्वों के गुणवत्ता के परीक्षण के लिए सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई गई हैं।

Central Assistance to Farmers of Tamil Nadu for Augmenting Agricultural Production

151. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is that with a view to augmenting agricultural production, Central assistance is being provided to the farmers of Tamil Nadu for acquiring agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other measures being taken by Government for augmenting agricultural production in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Central assistance is being provided to the farmers of Tamil Nadu for procurement of various agriculture machines and equipments covering tractors, tillers, improved farm implements, plant protection equipments and water saving devices (drip and sprinkler irrigation sets) under various crop specific programmes covering rice, sugarcane, cotton oilseeds and pulses.

(c) Details are given at Statement.

Statement

List of Major Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Implementation for Agriculture Development in Tamil Nadu

S.No.	Name of Schemes
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme - Rice
2.	Susbtainable Development of Sugarcane based Cropping System
3.	Intensive Cotton Development Programme
4.	National Pulses Development Project
5.	Oilseeds Production Programme
6.	Oil Palm Development Programme
7.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme
8.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
9.	National project on development of fertiliser use in low consumption areas
10.	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers
11.	National Programme for Varietal Development
12.	Streamlining of certified Seeds production of important Indentified Vegetable Crops
13.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers
14.	Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects

S.No.	Name of Schemes
15.	Development of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants
16.	Use of Plastics in Agriculture
17.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
18.	Development of Mushroom
19.	Integrated Development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
20.	Intergrated Development Programme of Cashewnut
21.	Development of Root & Tuber Crops
22.	Development of Betelvine
23.	Development of Vegetables
24.	Integrated Development of Cocoa
25.	Integrated Development of Spices

Criteria for Fixing Minimum Support Price of Cotton

152. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum support price fixed for cotton for the 1996, 1997 and 1998 seasons and what are the criteria adopted in fixing this price;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices has been using the outdated data relating to the cost to production in just one or two States to fix the minimum support price as has been complained by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and steps proposed to be taken to make the minimum support price more real and remunerative to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed for two basic varieties of cotton during the last three years are given below:

Year	Basic variety	MSP fixed by the Govt. (Rs/Qtls.
1995-96	F414/H-777	1150
	H-4	1350
1996-97	F-414/H-777	1180
	H-4	1380
1997-98	F-414/4-777	1330
	H-4	1530

On the basis of price differentials of these two basic varieties, the Ministry of Textiles fixed the MSPs for crops, the Commission forAgricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) takes into account a number of factors viz. cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation partiy between prices paid and prices received by the farmers, international prices of the commodities and effect on industrial cost structure, general price level and cost of living.

(b) and (c) While recommending the MSPs, the CACP takes into account the cost of production data generated under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops. The latest cost data generated under the scheme are up-dated by CACP by taking into account the changes in the prices of variable inputs. In fixing the MSPs it is also ensured that it covers the cost of production and also provides a reasonable margin of profit to give incentive to the farmers for investment and adoption of improved technology.

Failure of Mango Crop in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

153. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a drastic failure of the mango crop especially in Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;